

BILLINGS

Cancer

Summary: Diagnostics, surgery, infusions, and supportive meds can create rapid cost spikes and financial toxicity.

Main trigger: Imaging, surgery, infusion cycles, specialty drugs, and complications.

Top actions:

- Today: Request a treatment cost outline and ask for a social worker or financial navigator.
- This week: Apply to copay foundations and hospital financial assistance programs.
- Ongoing: Track EOBs and denials at each treatment phase and recheck coverage.

Sources:

- NCI financial toxicity:
- <https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/managing-care/track-care-costs/financial-toxicity-pdq>
- American Cancer Society:
- <https://www.cancer.org/treatment/finding-and-paying-for-treatment.html>